Integrated Marketing Project for handicrafts and handlooms

392. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre proposes to set up an Integrated Marketing Project for the development and promotion of handicrafts and handlooms of Orissa with special focus on Tribal and Fibre Crafts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the status of this project *inter-alia* indicating the time-frame within which it would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) There is no scheme to set up Integrated Marketing Project for the development and promotion of handicrafts and handlooms in the country including for the state of Orissa. However, three Urban Haat have been sanctioned in the State of Orissa at Bhubaneswar, Puri and Konark to provide direct marketing facility to the handicraft artisans and handloom weavers to enable them to sell their products. Two Urban Haat at Bhubaneswar and at Konark are operational while the third at Puri is yet to become operational.

(c) The construction work at Puri Urban Haat is in progress and will be completed in six months time.

Revival plans of BIFR

393. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BIFR bench has passed the revival plan of M/s British India Corporation Ltd. on 14.02.2008;

(b) if so, what are the directions of the BIFR bench regarding the appointment of the CMD, etc.;

(c) what are the real positions of the BICL Mills *i.e.*, Lal Imli, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh and Dhariwal, Punjab at present after the BIFR approval;

(d) whether the production has started in the above said Mills; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the modified Rehabilitation Scheme, 2008 (MRS-08) approved by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) on 14.02.2008, the Board, *inter-alia* directed that Government of India should appoint expeditiously a full time Chairman and Managing Director with requisite background to successfully implement the sanctioned scheme.